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wherein the input water is at least partially cooled by being passed through said dissociation region in heat exchanging relationship with the dissociation region, whereby heat is absorbed from said input water as hydrate located in the dissociation region dissociates endothermically.

11. (Amended) The installation of claim 10, wherein said cooling segments are separated by walls which prevent hydrate from moving laterally from one cooling segment to another.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above claims.